अवेरी में सैन्य स्टेशन की स्थापना के लिय भूमि अर्जन

1437. **श्री माहेश्वर सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री 23 दिसम्बर, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 3120 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार ने कुल्लू जिले के अवेरी नामक स्थान पर भूमि अर्जन करने और एक सैन्य स्टेशन की स्थापना करने के लिए इसे रक्षा विभाग को अंतरित करने का निर्णय ले लिया है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन : (क) रक्षा मंत्रालय ने राज्य सरकार से अनापत्ति प्रमाण-पत्र और अपरिहार्यता प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त करने के बाद ही भूमि के अधिग्रहण और अंतरण की स्वीकृति जारी की थी ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Spread of AIDS in the Armed Forces

1438. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MNISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of AIDS cases among the Indian troops on their return from foreign assignments and UN Missions have been on the rise;

(b) if so, how many AIDS cases were detected so far among the Indian troops which returned from foreign assignments;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that the Indian troops on foreign assignments and UN Missions are not posted to places exposed to AIDS; and

(d) what measures have been taken to chtck the spread of AIDS in the armed forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) 25 personnel were found HIV positive on their return from the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Cambodia. None of them has developed AIDS till date. However, one Master Warrant Officer (MWO) from Air Force has died of AIDS in Lucknow. The source of his infection could be the repeated blood transfusion received by him 1989 when he was on an assignment in Botswalna.

The disease is noticed all over the world and no country can be called totally free from AIDS;

The following measures have been taken to check the spread of HIV infection in the Armed Forces:

(i) Extensive education on natural history and methods of prevention of HIV/AIDS has been provided through various sources and media to all ranks and their families.

(ii) Blood transfusion is given after screening the donor for HIV.

(iii) Sterilised needeils syrieges and equipment are used.

(iv) Condoms have been made freely available and accessible in all the units.